



## Today in History

*September 15, 2008*

▲ The Wall Street bank Lehman Brothers declared itself bankrupt, triggering a collapse of major financial institutions that led to a global economic crisis

**1916:** Tanks were used for the first time as part of a major British offensive at the Battle of the Somme

**1928:** Penicillin was discovered by Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming

**2007:** Melting sea ice opened the Northwest Passage, a long-sought route between Europe and Asia

**2008:** Militants declared an “oil war” on the Nigerian government and foreign oil companies, warning workers to evacuate the Niger Delta